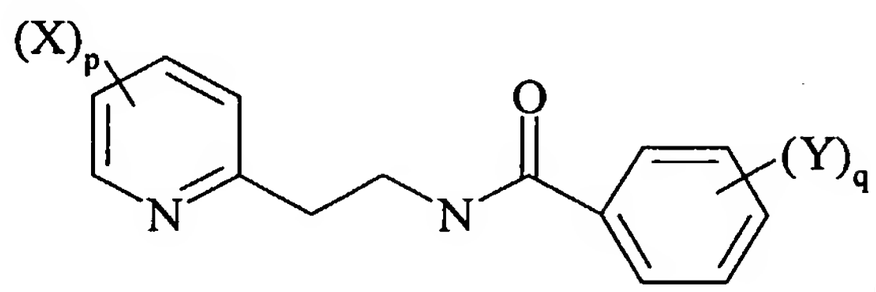
CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising :

a) a pyridylethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



(I)

in which :

- p is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;
- each substituent X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl or haloalkyl;
- each substituent Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, phenoxy, alkylthio, dialkylamino, acyl, cyano, ester, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, benzyl, haloalkoxy, halosulphonyl, halothioalkyl, alkoxyalkenyl, alkylsulphonamide, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl or benzylsulphonyl;

as to the N-oxides of 2-pyridine thereof;

and

b) a compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesis;

in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 20.

2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that p is 2.

3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that q is or 2.

4. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

5. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that X is chosen independently of the others, as being a chloro atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

6. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

7. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being a chloro atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

8. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is :
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-iodobenzamide; or
- N-{2-[3,5-dichloro-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide .

9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.

10. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesisis is a triazole derivative.

11. A composition according to claim 10, characterised in that the triazole derivative is azaconazole, bitertanol, bromuconazole, cyproconazole, difenoconazole, diniconazole, epoxiconazole, fenbuconazole, fluquinconazole, flusilazole, flutriafol, hexaconazole, imibenconazole, ipconazole, metconazole, myclobutanil, penconazole, propiconazole, prothioconazole, simeconazole, tebuconazole, tetraconazole, triadimefon, triadimenol, triticonazole, diclobutrazole, etaconazole, fluotrimazole, furconazole, furconazole-cis, triamiphos or triazbutil.

12. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesisis is an imidazole derivative.

13. A composition according to claim 12, characterised in that the imidazole derivative is imazalil, prochloraz, oxpoconazole fumarate, pefurazoate or triflumizole.

14. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesis is a morpholine derivative.

15. A composition according to claim 14, characterised in that the morpholine derivative is aldimorph, dodemorph, fenpropimorph or tridemorph.

16. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesis is a piperidine derivative.

17. A composition according to claim 16, characterised in that the piperidine derivative is fenpropidin or piperalin.

18. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the ergosterol biosynthesis is fenhexamid, spiroxamine or triforine.

19. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 18 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).

20. A composition according to claim 19, characterised in that the fungicidal compound (c) is selected from trifloxystrobin, fluoxastrobin, pyrimethanil, thiabendazole, guazatine, imidoctadine, picoxystrobin, pyraclostrobin, azoxystrobin, dimoxystrobin, metaminostrobin, 2-{2-[6-(3-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-5-fluoro-pyrimidin-4-yloxy]-phenyl}2-methoxyimino-N-methylacetamide, captane, dodine, propineb, mancozeb, spiroxamine, prothioconazole, tebuconazole, thirame, tolylfluanid, iminoctadine, dithianon, sulphur, copper hydroxide, copper octanoate, copper oxychloride, copper sulfate, dinocap, quinoxyfen, 2-butoxy-6-iodo-3-propyl-benzopyran-4-one, fludioxonil, triazoxide, fosetyl-Al and phosphorous acid.

21. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 20, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.

22. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition

according to any one of the claims 1 to 21 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.